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Attached is an Issue Fee Transmittal form (form PTOL-85). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.18, 1.19, and 1.21 that may be required by the attached Issue Fee Transmittal Form or in connection with the publication of this application, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is being submitted in duplicate.

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COMMENTS

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Applicants have reviewed the Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully note that the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 submitted on April 11, 2005 did not result in allowance of the claims and does not appear to be a basis for allowance of the claims. Applicants respectfully assert that each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.

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